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CrI.O.P.(MD) No.29 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 22.01.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CrI.O.P.(MD).No.29 of 2026
and
CrI.M.P.(MD) Nos.27 & 28 of 2026

Murugavel

... Petitioner

-Vs-

1.The State rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Kamuthi Police Station,
Kamuthi Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District.
Cr.No.74 of 2017.

2.S.Muthuselvam
Sub Inspector of Police,
Kamuthi Police Station,
Kamuthi Taluk,
Ramanathapuram.

... Respondents

Prayer : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of B.N.S.S, to call for the records in STC No.2393 of 2022, on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ramanathapuram District and quash the charge sheet as far as the petitioner is concerned.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Saravanan

For R1 : Mr.K.M.D.Muhilan
Additional Public Prosecutor

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ORDER

The present Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to quash S.T.C.No. 2393 of 2022 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I Ramanathapuram District.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 13.03.2017, the petitioner, along with others, allegedly formed an unlawful assembly without prior permission and conducted an agitation in front of the fair price shop for improper civil supplies. Consequently, the respondent police registered a case in Crime No. 74 of 2017 for offences punishable under Sections 143 and 188 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). After completion of the investigation, the respondent Police filed a charge sheet before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I Ramanathapuram District and the learned Magistrate took cognizance of the same and issued summons to the petitioner in S.T.C.No. 2393 of 2022. Hence, the instant petitioner for the aforesaid relief.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the facts of the instant case are similar to the facts of the cases in ***Jeevanandham and others vs. The Inspector of Police, Velayuthampalayam Police Station,***
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Karur District reported in ***(2018 2 LW (Crl) 606)*** and ***Sri Raja vs Inspector of Police, Sivakasi Town Police Station Virudhunagar District and others*** ***(Crl.O.P No.7922 of 2019, decided on 30.08.2019)***, in which the proceedings were quashed. Hence, he prayed to quash the summons issued on the petitioner.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent Police submitted that the present case was registered due to the protest conducted without obtaining prior permission. However, he fairly endorsed the submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner that the facts of the instant case are akin to the facts in the aforesaid two cases.

5. Having heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and upon perusal of the entire materials available on record, this Court is of the opinion that the above said decisions would apply on all fours to the present case and that no useful purpose will be served by keeping the proceedings pending and the same is liable to be quashed.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands allowed and the proceedings in S.T.C.No. 2393 of 2022 is hereby quashed as against the petitioner. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.



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High Court, Madras.



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